

2. Group II, claims 31-33, 35-36, 38-40, 43, 73-78, and 80, are drawn to computer supportive collaborative work between plural end users.

The Examiner also stated that claims 1, 44, and 91-93 appear to be generic.

### **REMARKS**

Claims 1 through 93 are pending in the original application. In an Election Restrictions dated March 24, 2004, the Examiner indicated that election of either of the above-identified species was required. Applicants hereby respectfully elects the species identified as Group I above. The following is a listing of all claims readable on the elected species: Claims 1-30, 34, 37, 41-72, 76, 79, and 81-93. This identification of claims included in Group I includes claims 43 and 76 identified by the Examiner as belonging to Group II. Respectfully, claim 43 further describes the "top level of the tree" and does not require plural end users, and, therefore is appropriate to the species of Group I. Claim 76 is dependent upon claim 44, identified by the Examiner as belonging to Group I, and adds the elements of "point of interest expression" and "means for displaying", but also does not require plural end users. In the event the Examiner does not agree with this characterization of claim 43, Applicants provisionally elect Group I with claims 1-30, 34, 37, 41-42, 44-72, 76, 79, and 81-93; or in the event the Examiner does not agree with this characterization of claim 76, Applicant's provisionally elect Group I with claims 1-30, 34, 37, 41-72, 79, and 81-93; or in the event the Examiner does not agree with this characterization of both claims 43 and 75, Applicants provisionally elect Group I with claims 1-30, 34, 37, 41-42, 44-72, 79, and 81-93.

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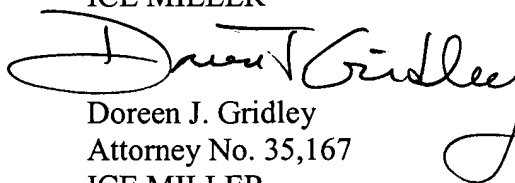
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Favorable consideration and allowance of this application is respectfully requested. In the event Applicants have inadvertently overlooked the need to petition for an extension of time or to pay an additional fee, Applicants conditionally petition therefor, and authorize any fee deficiency to be charged to deposit account 09-0007.

Respectfully submitted,

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